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# NARRATIVES FROM THE WAR

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Following the example of England, Germany, Italy and the Scandinavian countries, all clocks in France were set forward one hour at eleven o'clock on the night of June 14. They will be put back on October 1. It is hoped the daylight-saving plan will be continued after the war.

The Russian Duma has passed a bill providing that on four days of each week the people shall eat no meat.

The women of Holland have demanded that their Government should furnish cheaper food. Riots have occurred at Amsterdam and Rotterdam.

Women are working twelve hours a day in mines in Germany, at from twenty to forty per cent lower wages than men. Labor organizations are demanding equal wages for them, condemning unlimited working hours, and requiring the restoration of all ante-bellum restrictions as soon as peace is restored.

The Lord Roberts Memorial Committee has established workshops in London for the purpose of teaching trades to disabled soldiers, "men who have been through hell and left part of themselves behind." It is planned to establish these workshops all over England, with canteens and recreation rooms attached.

A Russian girl has been decorated with St. George's Cross, the reward of valor, for capturing twenty German soldiers and one officer. A party surrounded her home in Courland, one of the Baltic provinces, demanding wine and threatening violence. Having two barrels of a homemade liquor in the cellar, she drugged the wine and then produced it, with the result that all the men were incapacitated and made prisoners.

British officers say that the Turks fight in a cleanhanded and honorable manner. The Red Cross is respected; when a stretcher-bearer was accidentally shot the Turks sent an apology to the surgeon in charge. They refused to use poison gas and they treat their prisoners honorably.

The battle front is described as "The ribbon of land, over 400 miles long, which winds across Western Europe, one continuous field of blood, where the two armies have now stood locked for a year and a half, until the very face of the earth has become unrecognizable, and half of it is one vast graveyard."

Every grave at the Front, on the Allies' side, is marked by a simple cross, with name, regiment and date of burial recorded. Accurate records are kept of every burial ground.

The villages in Silesia bearing Polish names are henceforth to be known by the names of famous German soldiers, Hindenburg, Mackenson, The Crown Prince, Leopold of Bavaria, etc.

Women work in the naval shipbuilding yards in England. It is said they are found to excel in the control of machinery that repeats the same movement. They can manage even better than men the blading of turbines, a very delicate and difficult business. Their output is generally praised; their industry and obedience rendering them particularly valuable.

The Montreal Branch of the Canadian Red Cross has inaugurated the Ten Thousand Red Cross Club. It is intended to secure ten thousand members who will pay one dollar a month to Red Cross funds.

The province of Rhodesia in South Africa has agreed to give half a million acres to the war veterans. Similar grants will be made by Australia and New Zealand. Canada also is to provide land for them.

The War Hospital Commission is establishing a factory in connection with the new convalescent hospital in Toronto, for the manufacture and fitting of artificial limbs for all disabled soldiers who require them.

It is said that a municipal kitchen to provide food for the sick is to be established immediately in Berlin. The Physicians' Association complained that under present conditions it was extremely difficult to get the necessary food for those for whom special diets had been prescribed. These will be delivered by this central kitchen at the homes of the sick.

Vienna has issued coffee cards. In an inspection at Leipsic of a thousand households, taken at random from all classes of society, no food hoards were found. Everyone was loyally obeying the instructions of the Government.

The Berlin magistrates have issued a warning that lost food-cards will not be replaced and must be guarded with the same care as paper money.

To meet the exceptional demand for lumber 1500 Canadian lumbermen were sent to England to fell trees for war purposes, in the forests belonging to the Crown.

It is said that in the town of Gorizia, not one in ten out of 3000 houses remains standing; yet most of the 10,000 inhabitants shelter among the ruins. Gorizia is the great fortress barring the way to Trieste, continually bombarded by the Italians.